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(54) **Developer for photosensitive polyimide precursor, and method of using it for patterning**

(57) The invention provides a developer for photo-sensitive polyimides, with which polyimide patterning for interlayer insulating films for multi-layered circuit boards and for  $\alpha$ -ray shield layers, buffer coat layers and others for semiconductor memory devices is attained within a shorter period of time than with conventional developers. It provides a developer for photosensitive polyimide precursors, which comprises two or more solvents including at least an aprotic polar solvent, and in which the mixed solution of the solvents has a polar component solubility parameter,  $\delta_P$ , of not smaller than 7, and provides a patterning method of using the developer.

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